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ERP, and processing each record in the data file according to parameters in the parameter file to execute screens of the ERP system to provide data from the data file to the ERP system. Applicant respectfully maintains that the reference, Hoskins et al. column 14 line 1-3, column 25 line 29-40, and column 35 line 1-4 does not show a parameter file for mapping data from a data file to screens of an ERP system.

Furthermore, Applicant also maintains that Hoskins et al. column 1 line 25-31 does not show executing screens to provide data from the data file to an ERP system, but details executing a program to sense and control an industrial environment or production line. Applicant therefore submits that Hoskins et al. fails to teach such an interface to an ERP system and thus does not show what is covered in claim 1.

Claim 13 is directed to a method for providing data to an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system that specifies opening a parameter file containing a plurality of parameters, opening an associated data file containing a plurality of records wherein the parameter file maps data from the data file to screens of the ERP system for each record in the data file, creating commands based on the plurality of parameters and executing the commands to provide data from the data file to the ERP system. Applicant respectfully maintains that the reference, Hoskins et al. column 14 line 1-3, column 25 line 29-40, and column 35 line 1-4 does not show opening a parameter file and an associated data file, or creating commands based on the plurality of parameters for mapping data from a data file to screens of an ERP system. Furthermore, Applicant also maintains that Hoskins et al. column 1 line 25-31 does not show executing the commands to provide data from the data file to an ERP system. Applicant therefore submits that Hoskins et al. fails to teach such a method for providing data to an ERP system and thus does not show what is covered in claim 13.

Claim 20 is directed to a computer readable medium encoded with a computer program for execution by a processor to perform a method for providing data to an

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As Claims 2-9, 11-12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-23, and 25-26 depend directly or indirectly from and further define the patentably distinct claims 1, 13, and 20 Applicant respectfully maintains that they also are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully contends that claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-23, and 25-26 as pending have been shown to be patentably distinct from the cited reference. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and allowance of claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-23, and 25-26.

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35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 17, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoskins et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,406).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests reconsideration of the claims. Applicant reserves the right to swear behind the reference Hoskins et al., but feels that claims 10, 17, and 24 are allowable for the following reasons.

Claims 10, 17, and 24 depend indirectly from claims 1, 13, and 20, which have been shown above as being patentably distinct, therefore Applicant respectfully maintains claims 10, 17, and 24 are also in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and allowance of claims 10, 17, and 24.

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Conclusion

Claims 1-26 are currently pending. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2207.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

Respectfully submitted,

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